IS A WINNING TICKET

WORK OF REPUBLICAN CONVENTION HEARTILY INDORSED.

Rank and Pile of the Party Enthusiastic - Nominees Will Draw Heavy Vote From Other Parties.

The work of the Republican county con vention of Saturday has been splendidly ratified by the individual Republicans of the city, as they have studied the ticket and noted the many excellent men who have been placed on it. It is seldom a convention wins such general and generous praise from the ranks of the party. onvention of Saturday was one that harmonized and left no sore spots, and words of praise for the ticket come in from mer of all parties. The excellent men placed or the ticket for places on the county court have won the approval of the heavy prop-crty owners who have only a desire to see the matters of the court carefully conduct-ed. That is one of the weak spots on the

ed. That is one of the weak spots on the Democratic tickets from year to year, and it is one place where the Republican ticket is especially strong.

"It is one of the best and strongest tickets the party has put up for years although we never have offered a poor ticket in Jackson county." remarked Postmuster Sam Scott yesterday, when talking of the individual members of the ticket. "Not a weak spot in the line and well chosen for all purposes," he continued. "That ticket will get votes from all over the county. It will go out of the city with a rousing big majority and it will prove a winner at the polls. I'm for the ticket, every man on it, and I believe every other Republican in the and I believe every other Republican in the county will be, and we will be helped by property owners and others who are tired of the present methods and want a change for the better."

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The emphatic stand taken by the conventian against the domination of the gang of pluggers and professional jurymen that affect the court house, and the bold deciaration in favor of home rule, were freely commented on yesterday by the men about the city, and it was commended very generally. The attorneys of the city are active and enthusiastic supporters of the platform and those who have had experience as litigants know how precarious is the average trial in any of the courts, and they are all ready to help overthrow the men whose election means the continuance of that gang.

The present attitude of the police commissioners in assuming to set themselves up as political dictators, not only for the city, but the county as well, is doing much to display in a very effective manner the the shameful consequences of police management from Jefferson City, and to show by contrast the many excellent points of the home rule idea. The fight of the commissioners in trying to defeat Shannon that they may be the ruling power shows that no matter what sort of a police board the governor appoints, the idea of bossism goes with it, and the main thought seems to be the operation of a political machine. Men who oppose machine methods are uniting to defeat the plan and establishome rule. With home rule for the city and a clean set of officers to handle the business about the courts and stop jury fixing. Kansas City and Jackson county would both be made "good places to live in." That is the slogan of the Eepublicons in the campaign.

DREW AN IMMENSE CROWD.

Fairmount Park Thronged by People to Hear the Hungarian Boy Musicians.

The famous Hungarian Boys' band opener its engagement at Fairmount park yesterday to one of the largest crowds in the history of the park, exceeded only by the big Fourth of July crowd this year. But then nothing less could have been expected, then nothing less could have been expected, for the band made a decided sensation at the opening of the Orpheum in this city-last winter, and people have been talking about it ever since. Besides, yesterday was deal park weather.

There are but two or three military band organizations in America that are in the same class with the Knaben Kapelle. One sa's, another Gilmore's, another the Marine band, and the Knaben Kapelle is right up with these, while the fact that this admirable music is created by boys, still in their short trousers, or who ought to be if they are not, lends still further in-terest to the playing. The little Hungariterest to the playing. The little Hungarians created a regular furore yesterday. When the "Stars and Stripes Forever" first swelled to the breeze the boys won the hearts of the big audience, and poor, indeed, would have been the musical programme had they failed to keep up the good impression. But the programmes were splendidly selected and the boys gave them with thorough musical understanding.

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The selections ranged from a fantasic of Wagnerian operas to a potpourri of popular airs, "Off to the Klondike," introducing "Ta-Ra-Ra-Boom-De-Ay" and "A Hot Time." The "Stars and Stripes" was given with as much enthusiasm and swing and vigor as when played by the Sousa and vigor as when played by the Sousa band and elicited vociferous cheers. The Hungarian melodies pleased greatly, as did Kapellmeister Schillzonyi's own composition, the "Festival Fantasie." The Hungarian music has a quality strain running rion, the "Festival Fantasie." The Hungarian music has a quaint strain running through it and was greatly appreciated.

During the evening Herr Schilzonyi was presented with a handsome bouquet of lowers and every number stirred the enthusiasm of the spectators up to the highest pitch. In the afternoon the sun was bad on the seats, which served to scatter the listeners out over the park under the trees, and there was not the opportunity for effective applause. It would be well for the management to put up a canvas over the seats in the afternoon, as the crowds promise to be enormous all the week.

week.
There will be no matinee by the Knaben kapelle this afternoon on account of the circus, but there will be a concert to-night as usual. There will be matinees all the remainder of the week. To-night's pro-

March.—Selected. Overture—"Mignou" (Thomas). Gebet und Chor der Tuerken "Wanda" (Dopplers, the suphonium solo by the 14 year old Knaben Philip emmacher. Nachtschwarmer Waltzes (Zichrer). Seziette—"Lucia" (Donizetti). Redidite Fantasie (Keller). March—"El Capitan" (Sousa).

TRIED TO END HER LIFE.

Morphine. Florence Maud Rockwell, 19 years old,

Despondent, Florence Maud Rockwell Swallows a Big Dose of

unsuccessfully attempted suicide yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. A. Bran-dell, 1309 Oak street, by swallowing morphine. She quarreled with her father, Jo seph Rockwell, a few days ago and was seph Rockwell, a few days ago and was also supposed to have been despondent because she was obliged to "work out." When not working she has lived with her father and step-mother at 122 East Nineteenth street. She was taken to headquarters, where she was soon brought around by vigorous medical treatment. Before taking the morphine she had pinned to her dress front the following note:

Please bury me by my mether, for there she lays, the only one that ever loved me and I want to he by her side.

FLORENCE MAUD ROCKWELL.

When she had fully recovered conscious-tess, she expressed contrition for her deed, and was sent to her home.

TO SALUTE THE COLONEL. Louis Roubidoux and Other Military Men Prepare to Greet Colonel

Bryan To-night.

The Nebraska volunteer regiment, com-manded by Colonel William J. Bryan, will be taken through Kansas City some time this evening over the Missouri Pacific, en route to Chickamauga park. The trains are scheduled to leave Omaha about noon today, and if they leave on time they will be day, and if they leave on time they will be here about 9 o'clock. It was expected the command would go through this city last evening, and several local admirers of Colo-nel Bryan were at the depot to see him. This evening quite a number of the silver adherents will be there to do the same honor to Colonel Bryan they did to Can-didate Bryan. Louis Robidoux and many others will await the coming of the Ne-braska colonel and bid him godspeed and success.

Mrs. Winslow's Southing Syrup for children teething softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pains, cures wind colic: 25c bottle.

President H. T. Fuller, of Drury college, at Springfield, was at the Midland yester-day.

CIRCUS CROOKS IN TOWN. Burglars Interrupted at Their Work Bravery of Policemen Prevents

a Big Haul. An entrance was effected early this morning by burglars into the building of the Evans Manufacturing Company, 1059 St. Louis avenue, and but for the watchfulness of officers on the best, a large haul would

of officers on the beat, a large haul would have been made. The crooks obtained admission to the building by forcing a side door with a jimmy, and were hard at work filling bags with valuable hardware goods when Officers Dan Daly and Frank Keenan discovered them.

The burglars made a break for the street, closely followed by the officers, who finally brought them to after a fusiliade of a dozen shots had been fired.

They were taken to No. 2 police station, where they gave the mames of James Swan, Michael Bolan and Thomas Sheehan. On the persons was found \$300 worth of articles from the burglarized building.

They say that they came into the city with the circus, and they are unknown to the police. They are desperate characters, and their method of work shows that they are old hands at the business.

SAYS MILES IS LUCKY.

Ex-Gambling King C. L. Malthy Talks Breezily of the General of the American Army.

One of the most interested men in Kan one of the most interested their in Kansas City, Kas., in the present war with Spain is Clayton Maltby, formerly the gambling king of Kansas City, Mr. Maltby served several years in the regular army during the border days in Kansas, and helped to fight Indians. He is well acquainted with General Miles, and has been watching the general's movements very closely. He says that General Miles is a very lucky soldier, founding his statement on the fact that he always gets to the front just before the victory is won.

In speaking about the days of Indian warfare, Mr. Maltby says that they would chase the redskins until their horses were worn out and the Indians about ready to surrender, then General Miles would happen around about this time and bag the game. Mr. Maltby purchased \$50,000 worth of the government war bonds and wanted \$6,000 more. He did not purchase the bonds on account of patriotism, but because he thought it a spieddid investment. sas City, Kas., in the present war with

A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THIEVES Farmers Near White Church Engage in a Vigorous Warfare Against

Robbers of Roosts. The farmers living in the vicinity of White Church, in Wyandotte county, have taken up arms against a gang of chicken taken up arms against a gang of chicken thieves which began operations in that locality recently. During the past two weeks several chicken roosts have been robbed and hundreds of chickens stolen. The farmers have organized a police patrol to protect their places. W. McCune, an old time buffalo hunter and Indian fighter, has been placed in charge of the patrol. The farmers will take turns in patrolling the country roads.

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About two years ago William Conway, a deputy sheriff, was killed near White Church by a gang of chicken thieves. He was in the act of arresting the men when they opened fire on him, killing him instantly. The murderers were never apprehended. The farmers state that hereafter they will take no chances in dealing with thieves, but instead will use their guns.

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From the Richmend Dispatch.

A story is being told among some of Louisville's lawyers to illustrate the point that Kentucky's rural attorneys never overlook a chance to turn railroad accidents into coin of the realm. Not long ago Thomas H. Johnson, of New Albany, an employe of the illinois Central railroad, running on a freight train between Louisville and Central City, was killed while leaning out from the top of a car. Before the widow even knew all the particulars of his death letters were showered in upon her by lawyers along the line of the road. In due time the coffia bearing the remains of the unfortunate man reached the mourning widow. It was opened, and to the coat sleeve of the dead man's grave clothes was pinned a note, written by a lawyer near the scene of the accident, offering to prosecute the road for a percentage of the damages.

Another story is told illustrating the avidity with which the Illinois Central is sued. Emory A. Storrs, the famous Chicago lawyer, was approached by an old man with a note one day. The note had been found among the effects of a de-

man with a note one day. The note had been found among the effects of a de-ceased relative.
"What's the nature of the note?" asked

Mr. Storrs.
"I don't know, sir," answered the old fellow. "Have you any idea who wrote it?" asked

Mr. Storrs.
"No. sir." answered the note bearer.
"Well, do you know anything about the
note at all?" asked Mr. Storrs.
"Nothing at all, sir." answered the old man. "Well." remarked Mr. Storrs, thought-fully, "the only thing I can see to do in the premises is to sue the Illinois Central railroad."

Remenyl and Pumpernickel.

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H. J. Cleveland, in Chicago Times-Heraid.

"My first meeting with Remenyi was over a livery stable in Council Bluffs. A concert hall was there and he was to play. A jackass in a stall beneath persistently brayed. Remenyi would not play. I was on my way to Japan, or thought I was, and introduced myself to him after his audience had been dismissed. He begged of me to find some pumpernickel for him. I scarched Pearl street resorts until I discovered some and took it to his room. He ate it with satisfaction and then plaved for me, played until, boy as I was, I cried. That was at 2 o'clock in the morning and in a large hotel filled with people. We had the halls filled with people in their night robes before that private concert ended. His love for pumpernickel was no more strange than that of Janauschek for stale beer, and I have got many a pint of that for her after a most thrilling depiction of 'Mary Queen of the Scots.'"

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16 a. m.-Two-story frame restaurant, owned by Patrick Kirby, and occupied by C. D. Hardin; loss, on building, 35, insured for \$2,000; on contents, none; cause, an overheated range.

5:32 p. m.-Viaduet at Twelfth and Wyoming; no loss; cause, burning rubbish.

6 p. m.-One-story frame shed, rear 3022 and 3027 Indiana avenue; owned by Missouri, Kansas and Texas Trust Company; occupied by W. F. Nicol and J. M. Moore; loss, on building, \$200, insured; on contents, none; cause, boys and matches.

6:25 p. m.-Story and a half frame stable, rear of \$222 East Sixth street; occupied by J. H. Frame; loss, on building, \$10, insured for \$500; on contents, none.

7:20 p. m.-Three-story brick brewery warehouse, First and Walnut streets; owned and occupied by Val Blatz Brewing Association; no loss; cause, careless handling of a cardile.

No Grave Robbery at All.

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The mystery of the opening of the graves of the Ladd family in the old Indian cemetery, in Kansas City, Kas., Friday night, has been solved. The remains of Mr. and Mrs. Ladd and their two daughters were exhumed by orders of relatives of the deceased family and re-buried in Forest Hill cemetery on the Missouri side.

No notice was served on the authorities to the effect that the bodies had been removed, and when the empty graves were discovered a grave robbery was quickly reported. The supposed robbery created considerable excitement.

Sudden Death of Mrs. L. Z. Roraback Mrs. L. Z. Roraback, wife of the former agent of the Santa Fe in this city, died last night at the family residence, 1925 Garfield avenue, at 19 o'clock. The end was sudden and unexpected, and was due to an apoplectic stroke. Arrangements for the funeral services and the interment, which will be in St. Louis, will be made later.

Liquors for Kansas.

Shipped dally in secure packages by GEORGE EYSSELL, Druggist. Opposite waiting room Union depo

"This is the commencement season," re-marked the observant boarder at the break-fast table. "Yes," replied the crosseyed boarder. "and, the sun is conferring de-grees upon the thermometer,"—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. CITY NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS.

The funeral of Mrs. Dr. Norman, who died at 213 East Thirty-first street, on Friday, was held from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Jerome Twitzel, Ninth and Porter road, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment at Elmwood cemetery. A dozen members of the Indian Territory Press Association, who had been at the Omaha exposition for a week, were in the city yesterday on their way back to their homes. They said the exposition was very tine and their stay had been very pleasant.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

JOSEPH MAGRATH AT HEAD OF TRADES' ASSEMBLY.

Omaha Strikers Did Not Send Com mittee to Induce Asembly to Take Up the Packing House Strike.

The Trades' Assembly, of Kansas City, Kas., yesterday elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Jo-seph Magrath; vice president, Edward Harris; recording secretary, S. Meseraull; cor-responding secretary, Richard Westfall; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Meade; statisti-cian, Roy Oots; trustees, J. A. Cable, W. F. Jones and George William Westfall.

The delegates to the assembly expected to hear from the Omaha strikers, but no one appeared in behalf of the strikers, and the matter was not brought up for discussion at all. As it had been reported that

the matter was not brought up for discussion at all. As it had been reported that a delegation of union men from Omaha for the purpose of inducing the local unions to take up the Omaha grievance, it was believed that the delegation would take advantage of the meeting of the assembly sembly is the central labor organization of Kansas City, Kas.

The Labor day committee reported at yesterday's meeting. The committee claimed the hands of the merchants and manufacturers of both Kansas Citys, and predicts a grand demonstration Labor day. The features of both Kansas Citys, and predicts a grand demonstration Labor day. The features of both Kansas Citys, and predicts a grand demonstration Labor day. The features of both Kansas Citys, and predicts a grand demonstration Labor day. The features of both Kansas Citys, and predicts a grand demonstration Labor day. The features of both Kansas Citys, and predicts a grand demonstration Labor day. The features of the city while definite arrangements have not yet been made, it is understood that the parade will form in Armourale and march to the other large industries have been invited to participate in the parade, and the majority of them have accepted the invitation. The tother large industries have been invited to participate in the parade, and the majority of them have accepted the invitation. The tother large industries have been invited to participate in the parade, and the majority of them have accepted the invitation. The tother large industries have been invited to participate in the parade, and the majority of them have accepted the invitation. The tother large industries have been invited to participate in the parade, and the majority of them have accepted the invitation. The tother large industries have been invited to participate in the parade, and the majority of them have accepted the invitation. The tother large industries have been invited to participate in the parade, and the majority of them have accepted the large transpart of the parade.

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While sitting as a board of equalization some of the county commissioners reduced the valuation, as returned by the assessors, upon their individual property, which, in proportion to adjoining property, had already been assessed at low rates. This action was taken on the last day of the session, so as to avoid a protest being filed by the assessor. The public having become cognizant with the facts, deprecate the action of the commissioner and assert that he took undue advantage of his official position for his own benefit. This, with the fact that there appears to be no equitable basis for valuation between city and county property, is causing property owners to advocate a change in the assessment laws, so that city and county may equally bear their just propertion of county expenses. As it is now the city is bearing the greater portion of the county expenses, city property being assessed at about two-thirds of its valuation, while that in the county is assessed at from one-fifth to one-sixth of its valuation.

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The total assessed valuation of city and county is about \$5,000,000 of which \$5,000,000 is charged to the city, and of the \$4,000,000 assessed against the county, over half is for railroad property. A farm near Fairmount was sold a few days ago for \$5,000 which had been assessed at \$500, the taxes for which were \$45. At the same time a house and lot in South Leavenworth, worth about \$1,500, is paying a tax of nearly \$70 per year, being assessed about its full valuation.

It is charged that this discrimination against the city is due to the fact that the county has two members on the board of commissioners while the city has but one, and that the county members, wishing to stand well with their constituents, insist upon a low valuation for county property. This is leading city holders to favor the abolishment of the present system, and, instead of an assessor for each township, to have but one official for both city and county. Advocates of the change argue that with a county assessor, elected for four years and ineligible to re-election, a fair system of valuation would be introduced which would materially lower city taxes. They point out that while Leavenworth has every advantage for becoming a great manufacturing center the tax rate prohibits manufactories from locating here.

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This subject is one which will be brought before the civil federation for its action. The next member of the legislature from this city will be expected to introduce a bill favoring the election of a county assessor and abolishing the present system. A gentleman prominently connected with county affairs stated to The Journal correspondent that if he was a member of the legislature he would want no higher reputation than to secure the passage of such a law, for he believed that it would prove of great benefit to the city.

Shooting at Weston.

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A telegram from Sheriff Dillingham, of Platte county, Mo., early yesterday morning requested the police to keep a watch out for Oscar Bowen, wanted at Weston for murder. Bowen is described as being yellow, about 25 years old, five feet and ten inches in height, and had on a white hat and striped pants. It was thought he had boarded a freight train at Beverly and come to this city. During the morning officers and citizens arrived from Weston and joined in the search, and had he been caught he would have had a short lease of life. Citizens from Weston stated that Bowen had short a young white man named Joseph Albright and that the shooting was unprovoked. The ball had entered Albright's stomach, and, while not killing him, it was said that he could not recover. A close search of the city was made, but up to a late hour last night no trace of Bowen could be found.

Red Cross Work.

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The ladies of the Red Cross Society in this city have been doing some efficient work during the last week and have forwarded a number of useful articles, including bandages and money, for use in Cuba. They now propose to see that the Leavenworth company in the Twentieth Kansas, at San Francisco, is equipped with everything needed for their comfort and welfare. A letter has been forwarded to Captain Albright, asking him to indicate the needs of the company, when such articles as may be desired will be forwarded. The society will meet at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon and the president, Mrs. John Van Fossen, desires all who are interested in the Leavenworth company to attend.

Brief Mention.

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George R. Ludolph, treasurer of the consolidated express companies, will have an examination before Commissioner Bond this morning on the charge of violating the war revenue law.

The controversy between Mayor Edmond and John Pickett over the tearing down of the "Bat's Roost," at Third and Olive streets, has resulted in the latter's arrest on the charge of maintaining a nuisance. The case will be called in the police court this morning.

E. Barr, one of the old citizens of Leavenworth, died at his residence, 1228 South Broadway, early Sunday morning. Mr. Barr was 87 years old and his death resulted from diseases incident to old age. The funeral will take place at 19 o'clock this morning, the interment being at Mount Muncle.

The total membership of the Soldiers' home yesterday was 3.379, of which 913 were absent on leave and 288 on the sick list.

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Saturday night a train of fourteen coaches and one sleeper passed through the city for Omaha to be used in transporting Colonel William J. Bryan's regiment to the South. The troops are expected to pass through the city some time this afternoon.

John Barta will answer in police court this morning to the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Dinner Is Ready

In the dining car at 6:10 p. m., each day, on the Burlington Route new Chicago train. Service is a la carte.

POKER, CHICAGO STYLE.

In Which Two Draws on Each Deal Make Fun for Three Players.

From the Boston Globe. Chicago has furnished Boston with a new style of poker, and the few citizens who have experimented with the game have found it diverting and novel enough to warrant them in recommending it to their friends.

Chicago poker was invented for the pur-

pose of lending attractiveness to the regplayers around to make up a full table of from four to seven, and is ordinarily employed when only three men wish to Now, three men in a regular game of

Now, three men in a regular game of poker is not exciting, and the game is bound to drag, no matter how high the betting may be; but under the Chicago rules three men can get about as rapid action for their money as though the table was surrounded with players and fat jackpots were being opened on every deal. The Chicago game was introduced to Boston about two weeks ago, and it was presented by a gentleman fully qualified. He is a commission dealer in his home town, and when he came to Boston it was to see two men with whom he had business relations. They had dinner with the Westerner at his hotel, and afterward when one of the Boston men expressed the wish that some of their friends who like to play poker were around, so they could start a quiet game, the Chicago man said: "We three are enough, if you play Chicago poker."

SAGACITY OF A HEIFER.

Gives a Blow With Its Head and Then Tries to Succor Its Victim.

From the Lewiston (Me.) Journal. R. W. Card, a well-to-do farmer of Franklin, this state, is suffering from a broken rib, the result of a peculiar acci-dent which befell him a few days ago. Mr. Card has among his stock a handsome black helfer, which has been a great pet of the family, and which has shown its intelligence in many ways. One of its many knowing acts is to come to the pasture

telligence in many ways. One of its many knowing acts is to come to the pasture bars at a regular hour each evening and call to be taken home; yet if the bars are let down by any person other than Mr. or Mrs. Card it will not move out of the pasture until bidden to do so by the master or mistress of the house.

Mr. Card went to the pasture the night of the accident and wis gone longer than usual. Mrs. Card was beginning to wonder at his delay when she was astonished to hear the black heifer calling loudly at the kitchen window. Somewhat startled by this unexpected action Mrs. Card went out to see where her husband was. He was not in sight, but thinking he might have stopped to repair a fence or something of the kind she turned to drive the heifer to the tie-up. Much to her amazement the heifer had started back toward the pasture and Mrs. Card followed. A short chase brought her to where her husband lay flat upon his back in the lane. He seemed to have just awakened from slumber, but before she could express her thoughts of such strange actions Mr. Card spoke cheerily and arose to his feet with his hand upon the region of his heart.

"Mrs. Card," he said, laughing, "I know now exactly how Jim Corbett felt when Fitzsimmons landed on his solar plexus. He felt like a Spanish fortification hit by a Yankee shot. It's just like walking off a hundred foot embankment in the dark and landing into the day after to-morrow."

Mr. Card had been leading the pet heifer when a savage moose fly bit the animal in the side. The heifer swung her head to animihilate the fly and caught Mr. Card on the rib just over the heart. He went down as one who is shot and recovered consciousness only as his wife arrived upon the scene.

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when the procession started home the helfer trotted along ahead as if conscious of the injury it had done, and went straight to its place in the tie-up without stopping for its place in the tie-up without stopping for its customary caress.

The surgeon had united the ends of Mr. Card's broken rib, and the black helfer is now more highly prized than ever in the Card family.

Snap Shot at the Czar.

Lillian Bell, while traveling in Russia, accomplished the unheard of feat of photographing the carr.
"The person of the czar is so sacred." says Miss Bell, "that it is forbidden by law accomplished the unheard of feat of photographing the czar.

"The person of the czar is so sacred," says Miss Bell, "that it is forbidden by law to even represent him on the stage, and as to photographing him, a Russian faints at the mere thought. Nevertheless, we wished very much to photograph the pageant of the 'Blessing of the Waters of the Neva,' to which we had obtained a bid through the kind offices of Baron Elsner, the secretary of the prefect of police, so we smuggled our camera along.

"To our delight we found our places were not twenty feet from the entrance to the Winter palace. We noticed Baron Elsner speaking to several officials, and we heard the word 'Americanski,' which had so often opened hearts and doors to us, for Russia honestly likes America, and presently the baron said in a low voice, 'When the emperor passes out you may step down here; these soldiers will surround you, and you may photograph him.'

"The procession moves only about 100 feet—a crimson carpet being laid from the entrance of the Winter palace, across the street, and up into a pavilion which is built over the Neva. First came the metropolitans and the priests; then the emperor's celebrated choir of about fifty voices; then a detachment of picked officers, hearing the most important battle flags from the time of Peter the Great, which showed the marks of sharp conflict; then the emperor's suite, and then the emperor's celebrated choir of about fifty voices; then a detachment of picked officers, hearing the most important battle flags from the time of Peter the Great, which showed the marks of sharp conflict; then the emperor's suite, and then the emperor's celebrated choir of about fifty by soil and the singing of the choir. I heard the will be are the suite and the band in the Winter palace and the singing of the choir. I heard the splash of the cross which the archbishep plunged into the opening that had been cut in the ice. I heard the priests intone, and the supreme satisfaction of having the imperial salute. I saw that th

The Weight of the Brain.

Weighings made of the brains of negroes have given between 46 ounces and 45 ounces, a weight that corresponds with those of European women; while in the negress the mean weight is less than in the female sex of Europeans. From the weighings which have been published of the brains of the orang and chimpanizes it would seem that the brain weight in these apes ranges from 11 ounces to 15 ounces, and the brain weight appears to be just about the same in the gorilla. These figures are greatly below those of the human brain, even in so degraded a people as the dwarf Bush race of South Africa. They closely approximate to the weight of newly born male infants, in whom the average weight is 11.5 ounces.

Bears the Bignature Charlet Flitching

A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

CAREER OF MAJOR GARDNER, AN AMERICAN BORN.

An Explorer in Asia and a Soldier and Officer in Many Armies-Was a Colonel in the Service of Maharninh Ranjit Singh.

from the London Standard. Colonel Alexander Gardner-whose Mcnoirs, edited by Major Pearse, were published recently-traveled and fought in Central Asia, and at times provided for his necessities by plunder, more than seventy years ago. He began life as a citizen of the United States, his father being a Scotch emigrant, his mother a lady of mixed Spanish and Irish descent. One of his brothers was in the pay of the Russian government as an engineer at Astrakhan, and he himself went there, when quite a young man, in search of similar employment. His brother's death and a difference of opinion with the authorities impelled him to seek his fortune elsewhere. Already a few adventurers from the West had taken service under Maharaja Ranjit Singh, and Gardner's first intention was to repair to Lahore by way of Persia and Afghanistan. On his reaching Herat, however, his plans were changed, and for some years he wandered from place to place in Afghanistan, and in the Usbeg states beyond the Oxus, without any definite aim. After getting as far as Khiva, he retraced his steps to Astrakhan, whence after a short stay he started again on his travels, hoping this time to reach Samarcand. But he was again compelled to turn aside, and recrossing the Oxus, headed for Cabul, then the capital of Ameer Dost Mohammed. On his way thither he fell in with this ruler's nephew and rival, who had established himself in Kohistan, the mountainous region to the north of Cabul. The Sirdar Habidula gladly accepted the American's proffered services, gave him command of a troop of horse, and provided him furthermore with an Afghan wife and a castello in the mountains. He writes: changed, and for some years he wandered

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"From this date, for a period of two and a half years, I led a life in the saddle, one of actual warfare and continual forays. So successful were we that we had advanced posts within twenty miles of Cabul, and the Dost dare not show his face in the whole mountain region."

Eut dreams of happiness in a castello in Kohistan with an Afghan wife, and presently a son-of demestic peace relieved by periodical forays-were destined to be rudely broken. The Dost's rebellious nephew was defeated, and while Gardner was lighting for him in the field, the castello was taken by storm, and all within were put to the sword, with the exception of a mullah, who was spared to tell the tale. The Afghan wife perished, dagger in hand; the little boy shared her fate. Once more a fugitive and outcast, Gardner fied toward the borders of Kafiristan. Here he was bestiened by an aged pir—the title is bestowed on Mohammedan saints in Afghanistan and all along the northwest fronterwho showed him a large slab of green marble, with an inscription said to have been engraved by order of the mighty Tamerlane, when he attempted to invade Kafiristan in 1398. This is one of the incidents in the narrative which seem to require annotation.

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The presumption is that Gardner saw the identical tablet. He did not enter Kafiristan from this side, but proceeded to Badakshan and the Pamirs; and, from a geographical point of view, this is the most curious part of his story. His descriptions of Shigman, now a Russian district, and of the famous ruby mines of Gharan, on the upper Oxus, are sufficiently exact to prove that he must really have visited these localities. Such, at any rate, was the conviction of the late Mr. Ney Ellias, who, at the request of Major Pearse, was examining the Gardner manuscripts only a few days before his death. The ruler of Shigman endeavored to persuade Gardner to settle in the country, and he, too, offered the adventurous traveler a castle and a wife. "He considered that with women, wine, good horses, good guns, and with a castello on the top of a crug in Yaghistan, all that life could offer was at our feet."

But the invitation was declined with thanks, and Gardner set out on a further journey across the "roof of the world" to Yarkand. There he remained only a few days, and then started for Cashmere, passing himself off as a pilgrim bound for Mecca. On arriving in Srinagar, he heard that his old patron. Sirdar Habibulla, was once more in prosperous circumstances, so he determined to join him. Unfortunately the record of his journey form Srimagar.

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of the troubles which followed the death of Ranjit Singh in 1833—the intrigues, assassinations, mutinies and revolutions—Gardner wrote with the authority of an eyewitness, if not a participator. The foreign officers in the Sikh service had little

reason to lament the dullness of the times. Those who made their way in safety to the British frontier were fortunate. But Gardner, who stood to his guns, contrived somehow to weather the storm, partly by the favor of men in power, and partly, no doubt, by his own astuteness; and one may, perhaps, add, his convenient freedom from scruples of conscience. Sir Herbert Edwardes has related a somewhat horrible anecdote. A Cashmeri Brahmin had given offense to the Sikh prime minister, who ordered the man's nose to be cut off. "We blush to record," says Edwardes, "that the only man in Lahore who could be found to execute the barbarous decree was a European. Mr. Gardner, in the Sikh artillery, took a rusor, and with his own hand, in cold blood, without personal enmity of any sort, inflicted the punishment which Sikhs, Hindus and Mohammedans had shrunk from with disgust." The story, which is not repeated in Major Pearse's book, may be untrue; but incidents like the following, told in Gardner's own words, do not suggest an altogether favorable impression of the man. The Maharaja Sher Singh and his minister, Dhyan Singh, had both been assassinated:

"Grief and fury seized the troops, Hira Singh inflamed the rage of the army by fervent appeals, and excited their cupidity by lavish promises of money. The excitement was wound up to a frenzy by the conduct of the young and exquisitely lovely wife of Dhyan Singh. This lady vowed she would not become suttee until she had the heads of Lehna Singh and Ajit Singh. I myself laid their heads at the feet of Dhyan Singh's corpse that evening."

The widow was duly burnt ailve and Gardner protests that he was "powerfully affected at the self-immolation of the gentle and lovely girl." She was not the only victim.

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"Great efforts were made among the assembly to prevent the sacrifice of a sweet little malden of 9 or 10 years of age who had been passionately attached to the murdered Raja. When not allowed to get upon the pyre she vowed she would not live, slipped from the hands of those who would hold her, rushed to the battlements of the city and threw herself from them. We picked her up more dead than alive, and the beautiful devotes, seated on the pyre, at last consented to take the child in her lap and share her doom.

So perished the widow of Dyhan Singh, with thirteen of her female slaves."

Sir Richard Temple, who writes an introduction, commends Gardner's story to the attention of "our rising manhood" as a pleasing illustration of what men of British race can do under stress of trial and suffering. Passages like those we cite might, we think, more properly be regarded as a warning that men of British race amid surroundings such as Cardner fashioned for himself, will sometimes share in deeds which one can only read of with horror and disgust. Colonel Gardner was not required by his masters to take up arms against the English during the first Sikh war, being retained by the Rani Jindan in the capital. When the fighting was over he attached himself to the Jummu chief. Cholab Singh. The rest of his life was passed in Cashmere, where he died at an advanced age in 1877. Habit, aided possibly by inclination, had made him in most things nearly an Asiatic, but neither years nor hardships had broken his energy; and when he gossiped with former brothers in arms, veterans of the Khalsa, about the brave days of Ranjit Singh, or told tales of his travels to English visitors, his recollections, if at times confused, were full of animation. Yet he had wild moods, Sir Herbert Edwardes says, "letting the corners of dark things peep out, and shutting them up again with a look behind him, as if life in Jummu was both strange and fearful."

TALE OF INDIAN SPIRITUALISM. Some of the Reasons Why the Algon quins Came to Move West-

There is a tradition among the Ottawa branch of the great Algonquin family, be-lieved to this day, that, centuries ago, their

first parents migrated westward from the seacoast near the mouth of the St. Lawrence river and settled in the valley of the Ottawa river in Canada, where they lived for untoid centuries, and that their main village was at a place they named Ke-tehinebis-sing, which name it still bears. There a daughter of the chief of the village went down to the lake to bathe one morning: leaving her infant boy tied to a flat piece of wood, as was the custom. On returning to the spot where she had left her child, he could nowhere be found. Distracted, she ran back to the village, frantically screaming that her child had been stolen. The villagers turned out and searched long and well, but not a trace of the child could be found.

A few days after this two young lovers sat on a mound near the spot where the child had been lost, and while they were kissing and making love they were startled by hearing, deep in the ground beneath them, an infant crying and sobbing as if its heart would break. They ran in great haste to the village, and reported what they had heard. All the inhabitants believed that it was the lest child which had been heard crying underground. The old chief called together all the magicians—as is the custom to this day, where the Indians are not under the influence of Christianity—to hold a seance, communion with the unseen spirits, to divine what had become of the child. I will here briefly describe the manner in which Indians proceed to receive communications from the spiritual world, as I have myself witnessed. Poles ten or twelve feet high are set in the ground in the form of a circle, from six to eight feet in diameter. The top of the lodge is left open. The sides are tightly covered with birch-bark, or the skins of animals. A fire is built close to the lodge for the purpose of enabling the spectators to light their pipes, as they greentally smoke during the strange performance. All being ready, a low tinking sound is heard like several small belies at a distance. With a rush, on comes the leading performer,

possible; that all the misfortunes which had befallen them came from that source alone, and that their only means of safety was to seek a new land toward the setting sun. Thus it was, that those tribes of the great valley of the Ottawa moved westward along the northern limits of Lake Huron and Lake Michigan and all about Ot-chipwe ki-tchi-gami (Lake Superior), where many of them remain to this day.

NOT AFRAID TO PRAY.

Shipmate's Story of Acting Rear Admiral Sampson-His Moral Courage.

From the Florida Times-Union and Citizen An old navy officer who had been a shipmate of Acting Rear Admiral Sampson many years ago tells this story of him: "I have never doubted Sampson's courage since the first cruise I made with him. We were wardroom officers together. The first night aboard ship, when the hour arrived for 'piping down' and turning in there

first night aboard ship, when the hour arrived for 'piping flown' and turning in there were several officers sitting around the wardroom table indulging in some innocent merriment.

"I was taught to say my prayers before going to bed at night, but I confess I lacked the courage to kneel down in the presence of my shipmates and pray. It was warm weather, and our stateroom doors opened into the wardroom.

"Then it was that Sampson displayed the moral courage that forever afterward impressed me. He is a God-fearing man and he always says his prayers before turning in. When he was ready to turn in he knelt down by his berth and prayed.

"A stillness came over the wardroom immediately, and I concluded that if Sampson had the courage to say his prayers in the presence of his shipmates I could do likewise, so I have never hesitated since to pray before turning in.

"Only those who have sailed the sea in a warship can appreciate how much moral courage is required to kneel down in the presence of a lot of roistering shipmates and ask God's blessing.

"Sampson never makes his religious devotions offensive to his shipmates, but he reserves the right to be master of his own conscience."



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a business man, who, contrary to the prevailing custom, employed male stemographers and type-writers. If every young woman would take the right care of her distinctly maidenly self, this complaint would never be heard. The woman who suffers from weakness and disease of the delicate feminine organs is unfitted for her duties, either in the house or in the office. Young unmarried women, especially, do not like to confide their troubles of this nature to their home doctor. They shudder at the thought of the examinations and local applications to which they may have to submit. These are entirely unnecessary, and all letters addressed to Dr. R. V. Pierce. Buffalo, N. Y., are held in the most sacred confidence. Dr. Pierce has been for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., one of the greatest medical institutions in the world. His neighbors made him congressman and he was a personal friend of the martyr-president. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures all weakness and disease of the delicate and important organs of femininity, upon which depend a young woman's health. Honest druggists don't substitute.

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